

ATMOSPHERICALLY ACTIVATED THERMAL ACUPUNCTURE NEEDLE

Abstract: The present invention relates an improved acupuncture needle having a chemical coating of an oxidation exothermic type. The coating is applied to the acupuncture needle prior to packaging such that, during shipment and storage, the acupuncture needle and coating are isolated from atmospheric oxygen. At time of treatment, the packaging container is opened, allowing the chemical coating to be exposed to atmospheric oxygen such that an exothermic reaction takes place. The needle is inserted into the patients skin and the heat generated from the exothermic reaction is transferred through the needle and into the patient by means of conduction.